




## United by Action: Catalyzing the Sustainable Development Goals in Textiles

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<b>PRE-CONFERENCE: MONDAY OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup></b>	
9:00am- 5:00pm	Textile Exchange Board Meeting
9:00am- 5:00pm	Certification Bodies Meeting (invite only)
12:00pm-6:30pm	Conference Attendee Check-in + Exhibitor set-up
1:30pm-6:00pm	<p><b>Textile Exchange Basics Day</b>            We're bringing back this half-day learning opportunity for those who are new to textile sustainability or simply want to freshen-up on their skills and understanding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing a Fiber Strategy</li> <li>• Integrity &amp; Standards</li> <li>• Re-thinking Supply Chains as Supply Networks</li> <li>• Preferred Fiber and Materials Benchmark</li> </ul>
6:30pm-10:00pm	<p><b>Textile Exchange 15th Anniversary Celebration!</b>  <i>Sponsored by Textile Exchange Co-Founders:</i></p> <p> <b>patagonia</b></p> <p>Textile Exchange is proudly celebrating 15 years as a leading collaborative organization in the textile industry! Join us in honoring our founding members as we celebrate our history during this kick off of our 2017 Textile Sustainability Conference. The evening will include networking, drinks, food, and line-dancing to replicate the very first conference. Don't forget to bring your boots!</p>

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<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10th</b>	
8:00am-9:15am	Conference Attendee Check-in
8:00am-9:15am	<p><b>Members-only Breakfast with Andrew Winston</b>   Author of The Big Pivot &amp; Green to Gold Sponsored by</p> 
9:30am-10:00am	<b>Conference Kick-off</b>
10:00am-10:30am	<p><b>Presentation by PVH, Corp.</b> Speaker: <b>Marissa Pagnani</b>   Group VP Corporate Responsibility, PVH, Corp.</p>
10:30am-11:00am	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Where to Start</b> Speakers: To Be Announced</p> <p>13 Years and Counting to Transforming our World with the #GlobalGoals   This opening session will introduce the audience to a clear path for integrating the SDGs into a company's strategy and why it is important for society, the environment and business. The presentation will focus on analyzing available tools for mapping, planning and reporting under the SDG Framework.</p>
11:00am-11:30am	<i>Networking Break + Light Refreshments</i>
11:30am-12:30pm	<p><b>Getting the Most out of Our Land</b> Moderator: <b>Andre Leu</b>   President of IFOAM-Organics International; Author of The Myths of Safe Pesticides</p> <p>How can we feed and clothe the world without exhausting the natural assets we depend upon. Do we need a second green revolution or is there another way?</p>
12:30pm-1:00pm	<p><b>Investors are Taking Score</b> Speaker to be Announced, <b>SASB</b></p> <p>This panel will reveal little known ways that your Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) – and increasingly your SDG - work is being rated by Investors. The panel will also report on whether Investors are rewarding companies that integrate the SDGs into their strategy and whether those engaged companies outperform the market. Learn</p>

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	about a framework for reporting the impact of responsible investment that uses the SDGs as its starting point and get the inside scoop on the latest research in connecting investors to stakeholders.	
1:00pm-1:30pm	<b>Presentation by H&amp;M</b> Speaker: <b>Helena Helmersson   Global Head of Production, H&amp;M</b>	
1:30pm-2:30pm	<b>Lunch + Exhibitor Space + Networking Break</b>	
<b><i>Register now to reserve your seat in ONE of the following Breakout Sessions:</i></b>		
2:30pm-3:30pm	<p><b>Breakout #1</b> <b>Funding SDG Opportunities</b> Speakers: <b>Lauren Bradford</b>   Director, Global Partnerships, Foundation Center</p> <p>Whether you are in the private, public or financial sector, you will want to listen to this panel discussion on funding SDG activities, which require significant resources to achieve the #GlobalGoals. From collaborative initiatives to new financing vehicles, learn from innovative organizations on available funding mechanisms.</p>	<p><b>Breakout #2</b> <b>Material Matters</b> Speakers: To Be Announced</p> <p>How are purpose driven companies changing the way their businesses operate? How do personal and commercial motivations combine to drive results? Take a journey back to the farms, forests and landfills to discover how three different companies are changing the way we look at raw materials. Integrated ownership (of land, raw material production).</p>
	<p><b>Breakout #3</b> <b>Decarbonizing Operations</b> Speakers: <b>Ariane Grazian</b>   Sr. Manager of General Merchandise Sustainability, Walmart <b>Tim Greiner</b>   Co-founder and Managing Director, Pure Strategies, Inc.</p> <p>Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions are already hard enough to tackle and the industry has done a lot of great work in many ways with owned operations to reduce carbon and other GHG emissions, all helping to contribute to SDG achievement. But as always the</p>	<p><b>Breakout #4</b> <b>Strengthening Integrity in Your Supply Network</b> Speakers: <b>Rahul Bhajekar</b>   Director Standards Development &amp; Quality Assurance, GOTS <b>Lee Tyler</b>   Standard and Compliance Manager, Textile Exchange</p> <p>Join us for an update on the development of a joint Centralized Database System with Textile Exchange and Global Organic Textile Standard.</p>

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	<p>thorny challenges reside in production... non-owned production at the Scope 3 level. What is required to begin really turning the tide on Scope 3 emissions for brands? Learn how some committed brands and retailers, including Walmart with their recently announced Project Gigaton, are activated to make meaningful, scaled impact.</p>	
	<p><b>Breakout #5</b>  <b>Emerging Issues: Presentation by The Fair Fashion Center</b>            Speakers: <b>Maggie Kervick</b>   Dir. of Communications &amp; Outreach, Glasgow Caledonian University (GCNYC) Fair Fashion Center  <b>Frank Zambrelli</b>   Senior Advisor, GCNYC Fair Fashion Center</p> <p><i>Details coming soon</i></p>	<p><b>Breakout #6</b>  <b>COMING SOON</b></p>
3:30pm- 4:00pm	<b>Networking Break + Light Refreshments</b>	
4:00pm-4:10pm	<b>Innovation and Impact Showcase: Connect With Africa</b>	
4:10pm-5:10pm	<p><b>Managing our Way through a Water Shortfall</b>            Moderator: <b>Tien Shiao</b>   Senior Associate, Pacific Institute            Speakers: <b>Ruth Mathews</b>   Chief Policy Advisor, Water Footprint Network  <b>Jeffrey Hogue</b>   Chief Sustainability Officer, C&amp;A</p> <p>The World faces an estimated 40% water shortfall by 2030 while global demand is estimated to increase by 55% by 2050. The plenary will include a presentation of the state of water and the implications for society and industry in the context of SDG 6 (availability and sustainable management of water) and SDG12 (sustainable production). From the latest water footprinting data for preferred fibers to best manufacturing practices around water efficiency and quality, this session is designed to inform all stakeholders in the apparel and textile value chain on this critical resource.</p>	
5:10pm-5:30pm	<b>Closing Remarks: LaRhea Pepper, Textile Exchange</b>	

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6:30pm	<b>Networking Dinners</b> with special tables hosted by <b>Esquel, C&amp;A, Lenzing, Metawear, Nike, Otto Group, VF Corp., Water Footprint Network</b> and more! Please register online to reserve your spot!
(round 1) 7:30pm-8:00pm (round 2) 8:00pm-8:30pm	<b>Dessert Discussions</b> featuring <b>Cotton 2040, Glasgow Caledonian University: The Fair Fashion Center, OrganiMark, Organic Cotton Accelerator</b> and more to come!

<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11th</b>	
7:00am-8:30am	<b>Breakfast</b>
8:30am-8:45am	<b>Welcome</b>
8:45am-9:30am	<b>Scaling the Use of Sustainable Cotton</b> Speaker and Moderator: <b>Justin Mundy</b>   Director, HRH The Prince of Wales's International Sustainability Unit Panel: <b>Representatives from representatives from Sustainable Cotton Initiatives to be announced soon</b>
9:30am-10:30am	<b>Dispelling the Myths of Not a Penny More</b> Moderator: <b>Karin Ekberg</b> , CEO Leadership & Sustainability Speakers: <b>Dr. Jung Ha-Brookshire</b>   Associate Professor of Textile and Apparel Management, University of Missouri  Quality versus cost containment is one of the fundamental challenges of every sourcing department. Add in sustainability requirements which are not generally measured at the P&L level and you have the "Not a Penny More" mantra in sourcing. This plenary will offer new research on the value of investing, and the concomitant cost of not investing, that penny or nickel into your product and value network.
10:30am-10:40am	<b>Innovation &amp; Impact Showcase: Transitional Cotton: The Smart Intersection of Food &amp; Textiles</b> Speaker: <b>Joshua Brugeman</b>   Business Unit Manager, Responsible Sourcing at NSF International
10:40am-11:15am	<b>Networking Break + Light Refreshments</b>

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11:15am-12:45pm	<p><b><i>Breakout #1</i></b>  <b>Technology and Traceability</b>            Speakers:  <b>Moderator: Patrick Mallet</b>   Director, Innovations, ISEAL  <b>Dr. Timo Hammer</b>   CEO WKI Hohenstein Group  <b>MeiLin Wan</b>   Vice President Textiles, Applied DNA Sciences</p> <p>This session aims to explore how technological innovations in traceability may be used in the textile supply chain to achieve common goals. Technology has taken incredible strides, providing options for companies seeking to verify the raw material sources. Leaders in this field will present their work, and we will host a discussion to identify risks, challenges, and opportunities.</p>	<p><b><i>Breakout #2</i></b>  <b>Towards a Bio-based Economy</b>            Moderator: <b>Sophie Mather</b>   Material Futurist, BIOV8TION            Speaker: <b>Kenji Higashi</b>   Dir. &amp; Executive Officer, Spiber Inc.</p> <p><i>Details coming soon!</i></p>	
	<p><b><i>Breakout #3</i></b>  <b>Working Session: Responsible Wool Standard</b>            Speakers:  <b>Phil Townsend</b>   Marks &amp; Spencer  <b>Jose Fernandez</b>   Global Merino  <b>Deborah Froeb</b>   NatureVest (The Nature Conservancy)  <b>Chris Kerston</b>   Dir. Market Engagement and Public Outreach, Savory Institute</p> <p>The Responsible Wool Standard has been in action for over a year. This session will explore three topics with leading experts to improve adoption and success of the standard. We will discuss strategies around building</p>	<p><b><i>Breakout #4</i></b>  <b>Synthetics: What are the Problems? Meeting SDG #12</b>            Moderator: <b>Karla Magruder</b>   Founder and President Fabrikology            Speakers:  <b>Dr. Maurizio Crippa</b>   CEO, gr3n  <b>Kelsey Halling</b>   Dir. Impact, Thread International</p> <p>SDG #12 - Sustainable consumption and production is about promoting resource and energy efficiency, sustainable infrastructure, and providing access to basic services, green and decent jobs and a better quality of life</p>	

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	<p>supply and demand, how to create greater price stability, and where to go next with land management.</p>	<p>for all. What are the problems facing synthetic fibers in meeting this goal? How do we deliver on SDG #12 for all members of the synthetic fiber supply chain from raw materials to brands and retailers and finally the consumer?</p>
	<p><b>Breakout #5</b>  <b>Net Positive Project</b>          Speakers: <b>Sanra Seru</b>   Director Forum to the Future</p> <p>Making our efforts count: How a new frame on sustainability can drive the 'net-positive' outcomes we need. Collaboration is rapidly emerging as an essential part of doing successful business. Climate change, poverty, malnutrition, civic unrest: the world faces these complex challenges because our fundamental systems are broken. But fixing them is a task beyond any one business, government or NGO. We need people to work together, pooling skills and resources on a global scale to build sustainable systems that work for everyone.</p>	
<p>12:45pm-2:00pm</p>	<p><b>Lunch + Featured Guest Speaker</b></p>	
<p>2:15pm-2:45pm</p>	<p><b>SDG 15: Taking Action to Improve Grassland Management</b>          Speakers: <b>Patrick Mallet</b>, ISEAL          More speakers to be announced</p> <p>One of the SDG 15 targets is "By 2030, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world". The textile industry can play a role in making this possible - through the responsible use of animal derived materials such as leather, wool and cashmere.</p>	

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2:45pm-4:15pm	<p><b><i>Breakout #1</i></b>  <b>Leather and Cashmere: Impacts &amp; Opportunities</b>            Speakers: <b>Caroline Reid</b>   Project Manager Sustainable Development, IKEA            More speakers to be announced</p> <p>Leather and cashmere are the next animal sourced materials that are being addressed. The industry has started work on animal welfare, grazing and environmental impacts, and addressing traceability. Learn from experts about the impacts, activities, and opportunities. Figure out how your company can get engaged.</p>	<p><b><i>Breakout #2</i></b>  <b>New Reporting Metrics: Navigating the Maze of ESG, SDG and Integrated Reporting</b>            Speakers: <b>Alyson Genovese</b>   Head of Corporate/ Stakeholder Relations, N.America, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)  <b>Krishna Manda</b>   Sr. Manager Sustainability integration, Lenzing AG            Additional Speaker to be Announced, <b>SASB</b></p> <p>If you are responsible for reporting for your company, this will be a discussion of best practices in incorporating SDG disclosures into sustainability reporting or your integrated reporting, all through the lens of materiality to the business and your shareholders and other stakeholders.</p>	
	<p><b><i>Breakout #3</i></b>  <b>Putting Women and Children First</b>            Moderator: <b>Alison Ward</b>   CEO, CottonConnect            Speakers: <b>Mitsuya Inagaki</b>   Manager, Kowa Company  <b>Yuka Iwatsuki</b>   President/Co-founder, Action against Child Exploitation (ACE)</p> <p>Hear from five projects working to bring equality and human rights to the fore. From ending child exploitation to bringing out women's entrepreneurial skills, these</p>	<p><b><i>Breakout #4</i></b>  <b>The Post-Consumer Textile Collections Conundrum</b>            Speakers: <b>Traci Kinden</b>   Textile Program, Circular Economy  <b>Anne Johnson</b>   Partner/Vice President, RRS            More to be announced</p> <p>As technology and innovation transform waste into worth, will consumers embrace old things as new? How will trash be positioned to change the dirty perception to that</p>	





	projects combine technology and human factors for success.	of luxurious and desirable items? Learn about the gaps requiring cross sector collaboration to expedite and scale trash conversion into new and consumable products.
4:15pm-4:50pm	<b><i>Networking Break + Light Refreshments</i></b>	
4:50pm-5:00pm	<b><i>Innovation &amp; Impact Showcase: Susan Inglis   Executive Director, Sustainable Furnishings Council</i></b> An overview of Sustainable Furnishings Council (SFC) member's sustainability commitments and the "What's it made of?" Initiative in particular in relation to SDG Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.	
5:00pm-6:00pm	<b><i>Innovations in Manufacturing</i></b> Speakers: <b>Shreyaskar Chaudhary</b>   Managing Director, Pratibha Syntex Limited More to be announced  Disruption, disruption, disruption. Three words that accurately describe the state of our industry. From an ever evolving and hard to read consumer and omni-channel distribution, to increasing influences of speed to market and technology in all its forms...yup, that pretty much sums it up. So what is the new normal? And what are some of the successful brands and suppliers doing to seize these changes as opportunities to not only succeed, but to actually drive them and thrive in doing so?	
6:00pm-6:15pm	<b><i>Closing Remarks</i></b>	
6:30pm-8:30pm	<b><i>Dinner (optional) with Special Guest</i></b>	


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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12th**

**Organic Cotton and Preferred Fiber & Material Round Tables**

7:30am-8:45am	<i>Registration   Preferred Fiber &amp; Material Hands-On Lab Open For Viewing</i>				
8:45am-9:00am	<b>Welcome and Introduction to the Day</b>				
9:00am-10:00am	<b>SDG Overview and Panel Discussion</b>				
10:00am-12:00am	<b>rPET Round Table</b>	<b>Bio-synthetics Round Table</b> Sponsored by: 	<b>Man-Made Cellulosics Round Table</b>	<b>OCRT: Organic Cotton Global Strategy Meeting</b>	
12:00am-1:00pm	<b>Preferred Fiber &amp; Material Round Tables Reporting Back and Next Steps</b>				
1:00pm-2:00pm	<i>Lunch   Preferred Fiber &amp; Material Hands-On Lab Open For Viewing</i>				
2:00pm-4:00pm	<b>OCRT: Regional Organic Cotton Strategy Meetings:</b>				<b>Consumer Engagement Meeting</b>
	<b>India</b>	<b>Latin America</b>	<b>Africa</b>	<b>Turkey &amp; surrounding regions</b>	
4:15pm-5:45pm	<b>OCRT: Report Back &amp; Next Steps From the Regional Strategy Meetings</b>				
6:00pm- 8:00pm	<b>OCRT: Innovation Award Ceremony, Drinks Reception &amp; Special Guest Speaker</b>				

**Responsible Down Standard International Working Group**

9:00am-12:00pm	<p>The current version of the Responsible Down Standard was released in 2015, and we are now working on the next revision. This session will present key learnings from the past years of certification, and explore how to create stronger efficiencies in the down supply chain, and how to strengthen requirements.</p> <p><i>Lunch to follow   Invite Only.</i></p> <p>If you are interested in participating, please email <a href="mailto:Integrity@TextileExchange.org">Integrity@TextileExchange.org</a></p>
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13th



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- **EILEEN FISHER** Circular Design + Tiny Factory | Irvington, NY
- **Metawear:** The Intel Inside Sustainable, Ethical And Fashionable Manufacturing In The USA | Fairfax, Virginia
- **Unifi:** Repreve Recycle Center Tour | Yadkinville, North Carolina
- **George Washington University's Textile Museum + Discover D.C. Day Tour!** | Washington D.C.
- **Texas Organic Cotton Marketing Cooperative Farm Field Day 2017** | Lubbock, Texas | \* **Pre-Conference Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00am-3:00pm

**Cotton 2040 Meeting**

Please contact Alexa Rees-Jones [a.rees-jones@forumforthefuture.org](mailto:a.rees-jones@forumforthefuture.org) if you are interested in learning more and getting involved.

**Special Activity: Capitol Hill Advocacy Visit**

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